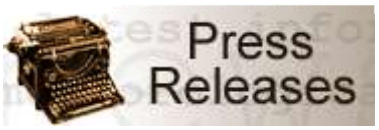

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ANOTHER RAINFALL RECORD TUMBLES - ANOTHER ONE TO FOLLOW?

Not surprisingly, by tomorrow (Friday) morning April 1998 will be the wettest April this century. Up to 10am today (Thursday) there have been 112.6mm of rain averaged across England and Wales. The previous record was in April 1920 when 116.5mm of rain fell. Outbreaks of rain falling today should ensure that this record is broken when today's rainfall readings are collated at The Met. Office tomorrow morning.

The wettest April on record was in 1782 when there were 139mm of rain. Even this figure may be under threat from further rain or showers over the next few days.

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